

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 96-333-E - ORDER NO. 96-793  
NOVEMBER 15, 1996

IN RE: Application of South Carolina Electric     ) ORDER  
      & Gas Company for Approval of Proposed     ) APPROVING  
      Changes to Bus Routes of the Columbia     ) ROUTE CHANGES  
      Area Transit System.                         )

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the October 25, 1996 request of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G or the Company) for approval of route changes for its transit system in the City of Columbia.

According to SCE&G, earlier this year the City of Columbia began construction of a 3,460 square foot transfer station at the corner of Sumter and Laurel streets. This facility will be owned and operated by the City of Columbia. It offers many amenities for bus passengers such as rest rooms, public telephones, and on site security. The facility is heated and cooled for the comfort of the passengers. SCE&G states that it supplied the 20% match so that the City of Columbia could secure federal funds for the construction of the facility. SCE&G notes that with the completion of the facility, the routing of the downtown buses needs to be adjusted to give the passengers full advantage of the facility. The proposed adjustment involved was moving bus stops

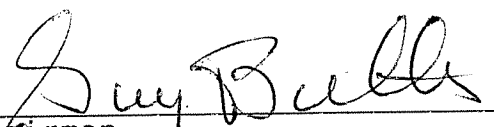
from approximately one to three blocks. No route eliminations are requested. The Company has provided the Commission with details on all proposed route changes.

The Company began providing notice to passengers of proposed changes on approximately October 15th on the buses via brochures and posters. No comments were received regarding the proposed changes. SCE&G therefore requests that the Commission approve the proposed route changes.

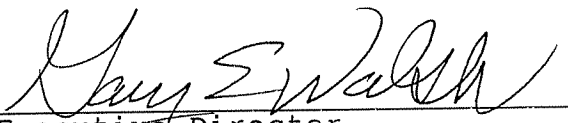
We have examined this matter carefully, and believe that the route changes as proposed for the SCE&G transit system in the City of Columbia should be approved. These are certainly in the public interest, so as to allow better utilization of the new transfer station at the corner of Sumter and Laurel streets.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Deputy Executive Director

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